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I. Water Supply - Matra Mountains

1. The Matra Mountains average about one thousand meters in height. Peak Intekesteto, the highest point of this range, is 1031 meters tall. Although it would seem that this mountain range affords an excellent military area strategically, such is not the case. It is impossible to sustain a large number of troops in the Matras for a long period of time. Water supply, or lack of it, has long been a problem. There are two rivers, the Zagyva and the Gyongyos, which flow through the Matras. While these streams contain water during the entire year they are very small with the result that there is an insufficient supply for military forces of any size.

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II. Soviet Military Establishments

2.

the USSR has concentrated her military forces and headquarters in the immediate vicinity of Miskolc. The USSR had begun the above work [redacted] She has been building roads, fortifications and bridges at Gombolyapolea /formerly Tapolea - a suburb of Miskolc about 26 miles west of Veszprem - situated in the Bakony Mountains/ and at Lillafured (seven miles west of Miskolc in the Bak Mountains).

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[redacted] the USSR has selected the above area because of the excellent communications which lead

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to Podkarpatska Rus [Soviet territory]. Soviet authorities concentrate their military traffic and personnel (to and from the modern and efficiently maintained Miskolc-Matvan-Budapest Railway.

### III. Underground Facilities

3. Although the following information deals with installations utilized during World War II, [ ]:

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a. The largest ammunition dump utilized by Hungarian military forces during World War II was located at Pusfo, six miles ESE of Veszprem on the NE shore of Lake Balaton.

b. There is a large modern underground high explosive plant also located near Pusfo. The approximate coordinates of this installation are 47°04'N; 35°43'W. The explosives manufactured at this plant were stored at the ammo dump mentioned above. [ ] in 1949 the plant was operating but only on a limited basis.

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c. In the mountainous area of Veszprem the pre-Communist Hungarian Government had constructed a large underground air-conditioned building which served the Hungarian Treasury as a mint (storage of Federal Monetary Reserves). It served as a subsidiary of the Hungarian National Bank. What use the Communist administration of Hungary makes of this building now [1954] [ ] this installation worthy of mention because it is large, modern and totally underground. It could readily be converted to secret or sensitive work.

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[ ] Comment: The plant mentioned in paragraph 3 a. was never bombed during World War II.

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